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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

A container receiving unit for use in an apparatus for preparing a beverage includes a receiving space for receiving a container arranged for holding a beverage base material, a reservoir for containing beverage, and a distribution system which has an inlet connected to the reservoir, at least two outlets for dispensing beverage, and a liquid flow path extending from the inlet to the outlets. The liquid flow path has a device for reducing the speed of beverage flowing from the reservoir to the outlets during operation. The relatively high speed that is generated at an earlier stage of operation in the apparatus is diminished in the distribution system to a level at which the beverage can be distributed evenly over the outlets. In this manner all cups will be provided with an even amount of beverage.